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CL96L0772 ALEXIS HOLMES

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CLAIM OF: **MAGGIE Z. THOMAS**  
**Through her Attorney**  
**Stanton J. Singleton, Jr.,**  
**1876 Independence Square**  
**Suite E**  
**Dunwoody, Georgia 30338**


For injuries alleged to have been sustained as a result of slipping on octagonal concrete stepping-stones on April 11, 1996 at Broad Street.

BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Atlanta that the action of the Department of Law be approved in authorizing payment to **Maggie Z. Thomas, through her attorney, Stanton J. Singleton, Jr.** the sum of **\$1,253.40** in full settlement and satisfaction of all claims, past, present and future, of every kind and character for injuries alleged to have been sustained as a result of slipping on octagonal concrete stepping-stones on April 11, 1996 at Broad Street as is more particularly set forth in the within claim; said sum taken from and charged to account 1A01/529017/T31001, Settlement of Suits and Claims, Department of Law.

APPROVED: SUSAN PEASE LANGFORD  
CITY ATTORNEY

BY:

  
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ROSALIND RUBENS NEWELL  
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY



## DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 96L0772

Date: 1/18/01

Claimant /Victim MAGGIE Z. THOMAS  
BY: (Atty) Stanton J. Singleton, Jr.  
Address: 1876 Independence Square, Suite E. Dunwoody, Georgia 30338  
Subrogation: Claim for Property damage \$ Bodily Injury \$ 1,253.40  
Date of Notice: 5/10/96 Method: Written, proper X Improper         
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X  
Date of Occurrence 4/11/96 Place: Broad Street near 5 Points Marta Station  
Department Public Works Division: Street Operations  
Employee involved        Disciplinary Action:       

**NATURE OF CLAIM:** The claimant sustained injuries after she stepped on concrete octagonal stepping-stones in the street when they shifted, and caused her to fall and she broke her left hand. The investigation determined that the City had installed inadequate sidewalk tile and was aware of this prior to the incident involving the claimant.

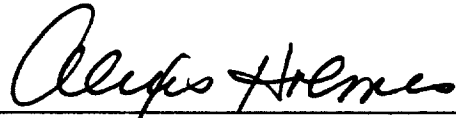
### INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee X Claimant        Other        Written X Oral         
Pictures        Diagrams        Reports: Police        Dept Report        Other         
Traffic citations issued: City Driver        Claimant Driver         
Citation disposition: City Driver        Claimant Driver       

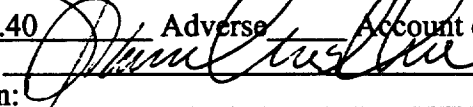
### BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental        Ministerial X  
Improper Notice        More than Six Months        Other        Damages reasonable X  
City not involved        Offer rejected        Compromise settlement         
Repair/replacement by Ins. Co.        Repair/replacement by City Forces         
Claimant Negligent        City Negligent X Joint        Claim Abandoned       

Respectfully submitted,

  
INVESTIGATOR - ALEXIS HOLMES

### RECOMMENDATION:

Pay \$ 1,253.40 Adverse        Account charged: 1A01 X 2J01        2H01         
Claims Manager:  Concur/date         
Committee Action:        Council Action

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October 11, 1996

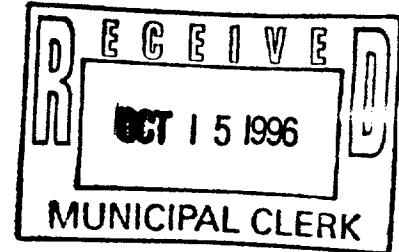
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

Ms. Olivia Woods, Clerk of Council

City Hall

55 Trinity Avenue, S.W.

Atlanta, Georgia 30335



Re: Maggie Z. Thomas  
Claim for Personal Injuries

Dear Ms. Woods:

I have been engaged to represent Mrs. Maggie Z. Thomas in connection with injuries she sustained on or about April 10, 1996 while walking on a public sidewalk in the City of Atlanta. Her injuries occurred on the side of Broad Street near the Five Points Marta Station when the octagonal pieces of the sidewalk shifted as she applied weight to them, causing her to fall and sustain injuries. The blocks had appeared to be level before she stepped on them.

At the present time I am submitting the enclosed Claim for Damages form on her behalf. Also enclosed are copies of her invoices for her medical bills. Please acknowledge receipt of this claim and advise us of any additional information that you wish to have provided at this time. We will provide you with additional evidence to support this claim as we continue to investigate.

Please feel free to contact me at my Dunwoody office if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stanton J. Singleton, Jr.".

Stanton J. Singleton, Jr.  
Attorney for Maggie Z. Thomas

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